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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for reply of one month, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Claims of invention I, Claims 1-26, and the species of Group B directed to raised ribs, with traverse. Amended Claims 1-26 read on the species of Group B.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.